

REMARKS

Continued examination is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

As stated above, in lieu of payment of the issue fee, this Submission Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is being filed subsequent to a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due and in support of the Request for Continued Examination (“RCE”) (37 C.F.R. §1.114) which is filed concurrently herewith. Accordingly, Applicant notes that pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.313(a) no petition to withdraw the application from issue is required. Entry of the amendments presented herein is respectfully requested prior to further examination on the merits.

Claim Status

Claims 26-47 are pending and, as indicated in the Notice of Allowability, had been allowed.

By this Amendment, claims 26, 37 and 45 have been amended to clarify the claimed invention and are believed allowable as indicated in the Notice of Allowability. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicant notes that the Notice of Allowance indicates that claims 26-47 have been renumbered as claims 1-22. For purposes of this filing, Applicant has adhered to the existing claim numbering of the pending claims (i.e., 26-47) as the correspondence of claims 26-47 to renumbered claims 1-22 is not set forth in the Notice.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as presented herein are allowable over the art of record and that the application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below, should that in anyway facilitate prosecution.

Authorization is provided on the accompanying RCE Transmittal to charge the requisite fee to the deposit account identified below. Should any additional fees be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees which may be due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-5279.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in the event that would facilitate prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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